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Dear Donna Sercy,

I'm not sure how to go about this, so if I got it wrong feel free to write back and straighten me out. I have heard that these inputs need be made by 22FEB.

I understand if I want all involved to read this letter I need to include nine copies which I am doing.

This concerns an upcoming ruling on scanners and their ability to cover the cellular band in the 800 MHz to 900 MHz range. From what I understand the FCC is about to rule that scanners will not be allowed to receive "anything" in this range. Aside from that the manufacture of any add ons that allow for expanded coverage will also be made illegal.

This to me is vastly overkill. There are numerous frequencies that have nothing to do with cellular phones in that band range which I fail to understand should be censored from the public.

This will also hamper an already fragile economic area in the sale and manufacture of electronic equipment. Many involved in both the manufacture and sales of such equipment need all business they can get and this is taking food right off their tables.

It should further be pointed out to cellular phone users that their transmissions can easily be picked up by anyone who is determined enough to monitor them. The answer to this is to scramble which the next generation of phones is about to do which will make the whole issue mute and needless.

The FCC would better focus legislation against the manufacture and sale of products that can pick up and display the codes that allow illegal use and billing to unsuspecting cellular phone users.

Before all this legislation started up I at times ran across phone conversations and they are unbelievably boring. Why anyone would bother to monitor such traffic is beyond me and the number of such is likely very small. It seems to me that the FCC is caving in to a business special interest group and in so doing is censoring a large radio frequency spectrum that is unnecessary.

Cellular phone users should be told: 1) Your traffic can be picked up by anyone determined to do so regardless of what laws might be passed -- 2) If you will be embarrassed by what might be heard then don't broadcast it over the airwaves (which is what you are doing) -- 3) SCRAMBLE, SCRAMBLE, SCRAMBLE.

Sincerely,

Rex Whetzel

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